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The grand old State of Texas is making itself heard near the pork barrel at Washington. A deputation of her citizens is demanding the immediate completion of that portion of the proposed intercoastal canal which will connect Galveston with the Louisiana portion of that waterway; and another deputation is asking Secretary Baker to establish a permanent army training camp at Corpus Christi. Texas, being thoroughly and reliably Democratic, believes in that sterling Democratic policy: Heaven helps those who help themselves.

President Wilson made his 1912 campaign chiefly on the issue of the cost of living, asserting that the protective tariff made prices high. He pledged a reduction of the tariff and prices and declared that though wages might be somewhat less, we should be better off because a dollar would buy more. His own secretary of Labor now arises to contradict his theories by a statement of facts. On page 21 of bulletin 194, just issued by the Department of Labor, there is printed a table of statistics showing that wages paid at the union scale in 19115 would buy only 90 per cent as much food as the wages according to the scale in force in 1907. And there was no time after the election of Woodrow Wilson when the wages would buy more than 90 per cent of what could be bought with the wages of 1907.

M. C. Johnson brought us a petition last week which we believe is the right move. It is a petition for the closing of all the stores in the city at seven sharp each evening excepting Saturdays. Of course it is understood that they will close Sunday. This is an excellent thing and should be strictly enforced by every man in town who employs help.

Anyone who has ever tried standing on his feet behind a counter all day long should know how to sympathize with the clerks who tender such courteous service day after day. It is a very easy matter to do your shopping while there is yet daylight if only one thinks of what he wants.

In the city of Denver where the population is very much larger than in Clayton the stores open at eight in the morning, some of them not until half past eight. At five-thirty in the afternoon, promptly, the stores close, and if you have not attended to your wants in this time, you simply have to wait until the next morning. This is the right way as it gives those employed a slight opportunity to spend a portion of their time with their families and while it might seem strange some of them are as devoted to their families as other folks, even if they do seldom see their children excepting after the little folks are in bed.

If all the employers of men and women would have certain hours and keep them strictly, it would give their employees more time at home.

All the patrons of these establishments can assist greatly to keep these hours if they will do their shopping within the time given. Lend your co-operation and assist the merchants to give their clerks a better "deal." Then there will be general satisfaction all the way round.

We have published the papers read before the Home Economics Club on Friday afternoon of the week before Xmas at the home of Mrs. J. E. Chamberlain. They each touched on the Christmas subject and that is the paramount interest in life at present. They are well prepared and entertaining, so much so, that we wanted our readers to have the privilege of reading them too. Gifts at Christmas time are becoming more of a burden to the givers, than a pleasure, and this is most decidedly not in keeping with the Christmas spirit. In many homes it is the occasion of a great deal of worry, unnecessary expense, and much disappointment. Personally, we would much prefer a small expression of real friendship from those we love than the costliest gift that could be bought. We cannot bring ourselves to measuring love and friendship in dollars and cents. Sometimes we cannot help

thinking that perhaps we would be better off, financially if we could learn to do that, but alas, our years are so many that we cannot change our ways at this late hour. If only Father Time would allow us to reverse our gears and travel backward several hundred years we would make a better start next time, but the course will now have to be finished as started.

Give love, and lots of it, at Christmas time. That is the sum and substance of life anyway. What else matters so long as there is still love in the world. Christ, the wonderful King of men, only gave ONE commandment to the world, "That ye LOVE one another." Is it a sign of wonderful affection to work on a bunch of Christmas presents, many of them worthless to the recipient, until you are a perfect "shoestring" and your family and friends, the purse suffers and that only details misery and deprivation for many weeks or months perhaps after Christmas has faded into a memory.

Give kindly sympathy, genuine affection, friendship and good cheer and Christmas will become the most beautiful, wonderful time in all the year. If you are not particularly demonstrative, strain yourself a little at Christmas and let the wife and children know that you are not wholly dead to affection and interest in their affairs. Tell the kiddies WHY we celebrate Christmas. Do not let them believe it is a time for receiving presents only.

Anyway, Christmas is a wonderful season and we are, most of us, thankful that it "comes but once a year."

Petitions are being received in large numbers by Senators and Representatives from members of the Maintenance of Way Department of American Railways praying that they be included in the so-called eight-hour day legislation. The 400,000 men in that department are the poorest paid employees in the railway service, although their work is the most laborious, but because they had no powerful organization to represent them when the eight-hour law was forced upon the country last summer they were not included in its provisions.

A sample of the destructive legislation frequently attempted by the Democrats is contained in a bill recently introduced by a Member from Georgia. In six lines it proposes the repeal of the bankruptcy law of the United States. That law was originally enacted in 1898, and is a result of experience and close study since that date it has been perfected by various amendments until now it is a most important part of our judicial code. It is now proposed, by one strike, to eliminate it from the statute books without substituting anything in its place. Quite likely the bankrupt condition of the Democratic National Committee, which is \$200,000 in debt, prompted the introduction of the bill.

## UNITED STATES SENATE

Washington, D. C.

To the Editor:—

The Bureau of Plant Industry informs me, Senator Fall and Congressman Hernandez that we each have for distribution the following seeds: 80 four-pound packages of Kansas-grown Alfalfa seed; 100 four-pound packages of Feterita seed; 70 four-pound packages of Hegari seed; 100 four-pound packages of Dwarf White Milo seed; 200 one-pound packages of Sudan Grass seed.

We would be glad to distribute these seeds to anyone making a call on us until the supply is exhausted, and we wish you would give such notice in your paper as you think best.

Each package of this seed contains a sufficient quantity for a satisfactory field test. As the quantity is very small, no individual will receive more than one package of one variety.

Very truly yours,  
T. B. Catron.

Mr. and Mrs. Walton Snyder spent Christmas in town and Miss Hilma Lee and Gerda Eklund returned to the ranch with them.

J. E. Weaver of Union, Union county, Oregon, arrived in the city Wednesday of this week with a carload of fine potatoes which he raised on his farm there. Mr. was very much impressed with Clayton. He paid the office a pleasant visit while here.

Mrs. Tom Shelton of Trinidad spent the Christmas holidays with Mrs. H. Farber.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Anstine became the proud parents of a little daughter, Mary Aldine, on the ninth of this month.

Little Miss Mary Alice Deatheridge came to live permanently at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Deatheridge on the ninth of this month.

Miss Anna McClary came in the first of the week from Missouri for a short visit with her son Wells of Mt. View.

Jack Ramey, brother of Mrs. Joan Grimm and Miss Maretta Ramey, visited in the city the past week, accompanied by his little daughter. Mr. Ramey represents the largest sign-craft establishment in Oklahoma City, where he lives, and has entire charge of their advertising department. He is an educated gentleman and it is a great pleasure to know him. He is very enthusiastic over Clayton and her citizens and says nothing would give him more pleasure than to locate here. We hope he will.

Fred Owens the head mechanic of the Pioneer Garage left Friday noon for Waco, Texas, to accept the position of head mechanic with A. Patlieg owner of one of the largest garages there. The following is a copy of a telegram sent Mr. Owens: "Leave Saturday for week in Dallas, come sooner if possible, choice of three positions, best chance you will ever get. (Signed) A. Patlieg."

We regret very much to see Mr. Owens leave as he was one of our popular young folks and a very high-class mechanic. We wish him success in his new position.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. McFadden entertained Mrs. E. C. Carpenter at an informal dinner at the Pullman Cafe last Tuesday evening. After the dinner the party attended the Mission Theatre.

Earl Johnson cousin of "Dewey" has returned to his old home in Missouri.

Dr. Daniels was very much surprised this week by an arrival of his brother and nephew from West Virginia. They plan to stay indefinitely.

Chas. Law one of our leading attorneys has returned from Santa Fe, where he was called on important land business.

Mr. Clark, manager of First State Bank at Texline has gone to Kansas City, for the holidays.

The becoming modesty of some democratic office holders is illustrated in the case of the superintendent of the Congressional Library building, appointed by President Wilson two years ago, who blushing told the Committee on Appropriations that he deserved an increase of salary from \$3,000 to \$5,000. "It seems very difficult," said he, "for me to get along on the \$3,000; I have had to borrow money since I have held the position. Before coming to the Library I was earning on an average more than \$5,000 per annum." It is, indeed, heartrending to contemplate such a sacrifice of income in responding to his President's call to service.

## EVERYBODY GOING

The annual National Western Stock Show at Denver is attracting more than usual interest this year, partly due to the general prosperity that everywhere surrounds the live stock industry and partly to the low rates promised by the railroads. Denver is exceedingly proud of this annual event and preparations are being made on a larger scale than ever before. It is now called "The Million Dollar Show," and it is promised that the exhibits will exceed in value a million dollars and will include the best the country produces in the way of cattle, horses and hogs, and it may also be said, of babies. They show management reports entries pouring in at a rate that threatens to test the capacity not only of the show buildings but of the stock yards as well.

There are to be many strong features this year. The dairy cattle department started two years ago has been developed into a full fledged dairy show. The exhibition of big draft horses will make the Horse Fair feature the greatest ever seen in the West and will include the great new six-horse team recently gathered by Swift & Co.

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be Governor McDonald's fault, and he would continue as governor in spite of his willingness to surrender the office to Mr. de Baca.

One other thought, showing the hypocrisy of the McDonald Democrats and the Santa Fe New Mexican:—They say the republicans are trying to force Mr. de Baca to come back and take the oath of office, knowing that the trip will prove fatal, thereby enabling Mr. Lindsey to become governor.

The evening Mr. de Baca was nominated the Santa Fe New Mexican stated that he was afflicted with pernicious anemia, but that he and his friends felt that he would be able to make a vigorous campaign, and that he would also serve out his term as governor. He was then in a critical condition, as his friends well knew, and had been under the care of a specialist in St. Louis, and was receiving daily treatment from a local physician in Las Vegas. He was taking very strong medicine, which required absolute quiet on his part. He could not take the treatment prescribed and continue his campaign. He was perhaps in a more critical physical condition then than he is now. Despite the fact that they knew the discontinuance of the treatment probably would prove fatal, the McDonald Democrats and their organization, knew that it was essential that de Baca should show himself to the voters of the state, and seek to convince them that he would be able to qualify and assume the duties of the office. The state committee ordered and forced him to proceed with Governor McDonald and M. A. Otero to the Pecos Valley. This he did, making a speech in Roswell and in Carlsbad and perhaps one or two other points. So feeble was he, that he was not able to appear on the platform at all of the meetings, and during all of this time he was without the treatments so necessary to prolong his life. When he returned to Las Vegas he was ordered to accompany a speaking party through Mora and Taos counties. He went to Mora but became so sick that he was forced to turn back. Later, he was ordered into Rio Arriba county, and went to Espanola; there he became very sick and was forced to abandon the trip. He returned to Las Vegas and was sick in bed for some days. He got up out of a sick bed to appear upon the platform in Albuquerque, driven to the work by the Democratic State Committee. This was immediately prior to his election.

So long as a vote could be obtained for the Democratic State ticket, no way was too long nor road too rough for Mr. de Baca to travel over. Votes were more important than the condition of anyone's health. What mattered it, when votes were needed, that this man should jeopardize his health, fail to receive treatment, journey over long and arduous roads, and appear upon public platforms so weak that he must need stand upon a cane. Even the Pecos Valley trip required more exertion, more time, more loss of treatment, and more nerve racking hours than would the trip from Las Vegas to Santa Fe, were he required to make the trip, which of course is not necessary, for him to legally qualify as governor.

Who is it that has played fast and loose with a man's life, and his chances of life or death, for selfish political ends, the republicans of New Mexico, or Wm. C. McDonald and his organization.

## CALL FOR STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING

We, the undersigned incorporators of The Union County Farmers Society of Equity, Limited, hereby call a meeting of the stockholders of said corporation, to be held at the Court House, in Clayton, New Mexico, on Monday, January 22, 1916, at one o'clock in the afternoon.

The purposes of this meeting are to elect a board of directors and other officers, to adopt by-laws for said corporation, and to transact such other business as may come before the meeting.

Signed at Clayton, New Mexico, December 27, 1916.

H. P. Riggs, Ernest O. Talbot,  
A. E. B. Miller, Bert Wilcox,  
Ray Busey, John H. Garlock,  
R. C. McClellan, C. C. Ellis,  
J. A. McCune, W. H. Lindsey,  
L. Halcomb, Leonard Johnson,  
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